

HOUSE BILL No. 1811

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-35.

Synopsis: Education public-private partnership. Establishes the center for excellence in mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedical education as a public-private partnership to assist school corporations and postsecondary educational institutions in developing programs in those areas.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]:

4 **Chapter 35. Center for Excellence in Mathematics, Science,**
5 **Engineering, and Biomedical Education**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "center" refers to the center for**
7 **excellence in mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedical**
8 **education established by section 2 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. (a) The center for excellence in mathematics, science,**
10 **engineering, and biomedical education is established as a**
11 **public-private partnership program to provide information,**
12 **research, and training for educators and students.**

13 **(b) Participants in the center may include:**

- 14 **(1) school corporations;**
15 **(2) postsecondary educational institutions that have**
16 **engineering or biomedical programs;**
17 **(3) businesses;**



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- (4) research organizations; and
- (5) professional education organizations.

Sec. 3. The center may carry out the following activities:

- (1) Organize mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedical summer school programs, and assist school corporations in carrying out summer school programs.
- (2) Assist with the development of dual secondary and postsecondary credit programs in mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedicine.
- (3) Develop and assist in the development of professional development activities in mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedicine for teachers.
- (4) Recommend strategies to eliminate achievement gaps in mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedical education.
- (5) Participate in national and international programs that promote mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedical education.

Sec. 4. (a) The center may receive state and federal funds, grants, and private donations to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The department shall enter into a five (5) year contract with an entity to establish the center to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The contract may be renewed.

(c) Before renewing a contract under subsection (b), the department shall evaluate the effectiveness of the center and report to the education roundtable established by IC 20-19-4-2.

Sec. 5. The center shall submit an annual report of the center's activities to the department.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this SECTION:

- (1) "center" refers to the center for excellence in mathematics, science, engineering, and biomedical education established by IC 20-20-35-2, as added by this act; and
- (2) "department" refers to the department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.

(b) The department shall issue a request for proposals from entities that seek to establish the center. After reviewing the proposals, the department shall select one (1) proposal and award the contract described in IC 20-20-35-4, as added by this act, to the selected entity.

(c) The center:

- (1) shall seek funding to carry out the provisions of

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1 **IC 20-20-35, as added by this act, from the National**
2 **Governor's Association and other private sources; and**
3 **(2) may participate in programs such as the Partnership for**
4 **Twenty-First Century Skills to carry out the provisions of**
5 **IC 20-20-35, as added by this act.**
6 **(d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2012.**

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